

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2007. The Examiner's comments in the Office Action have been carefully considered.

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application, with claim 1 and 4 being in independent form.

Claims 1-6 have been rejected and claim 1 has been objected to.

Initially, the Examiner has indicated that the Amendments to claim 6 were improper because of the manner in which a deletion of text has been shown. Claim 6 has been amended to delete the text in question in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c).

Claim 1 has been objected to because of a typographical error in claim 1, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended to make the correction to eliminate this error.

Claims 1-6 have been rejected as failing to comply the enablement requirement because independent claims 1 and 4 includes the following text: "display means proximate to each of the optical adaptors". The Examiner has questioned this text and suggested that there is no support for such limitation in the specification. Instead, the Examiner has suggested that it is the "optical indicators" that are proximate to the optical adaptors. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to delete the reference to the "display means" when referring to a plurality of "optical indicators", as the Examiner has suggested. These optical indicators are, more specifically, the indicators 19 shown in Fig. 9B of the instant application. The optical indicators are, therefore, proximate not only to

the optical adaptors but also to the antennae 11 that are also positioned proximate to the optical adaptors 7. This should clarify the claim as well as the limitation. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the rejection of claims 1-6 on the grounds of failure to comply with the enablement requirement be withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 6 have also been rejected as being indefinite for reasons set forth in paragraph 10 of the Office Action, and these claims have been amended to address the issues raised by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the claims have now overcome the rejection and withdrawal of the rejection on the grounds stated is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1 and 4 have also been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,784,802 to Stanescu, for reasons set forth in paragraph 13 of the Office Action.

In paragraph 13 of the Office Action, the Examiner has referenced parts of Stanescu and suggested that Stanescu fully reads on the independent claims. However, it is respectfully submitted that each of the independent claims 1 and 4 is directed to a distributing system for connecting optical connection lines of the type used for data communication equipment. However, Stanescu is directed to a real time monitoring apparatus for a cable patch panel to facilitate connection of such cables in “Telecommunications Closets” in accordance with certain ANSI standards. Nowhere in the patent is the word “optical” mentioned. The same is true with regard to the requirement in the claims for “a plurality of optical connection lines”, which the reference does not teach nor suggest. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that Stanescu

cannot possibly anticipate independent claims 1 and 4 as it fails to explicitly teach each and every limitation, element, feature and/or function recited in the rejected claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 on the basis of full anticipation.

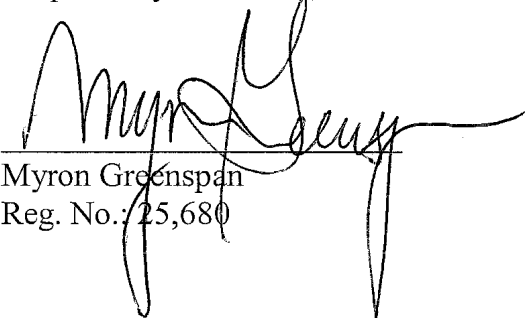
This application is believed to distinguish over the applied art and, therefore, early allowance and issuance is, accordingly, respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication and during the pendency of this application, such as an extension or issue fee if mistakenly not paid or insufficient funds, and/or any other fee due but not paid by check, etc., or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0100.

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